

WEBINAR – “ANTITRUST PRIVATE ENFORCEMENT – WHY ISN’T IT WORKING IN THE BALTIC STATES AND IN POLAND? WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UK?”

THE **ASCOLA** CHAPTER (THE BALTIC COUNTRIES) ONLINE WEBINAR JOINTLY ORGANISED BY JURGITA MALINAUSKAITE (BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON, UK; VYTAUTAS MAGNUS UNIVERSITY, LITHUANIA) AND MAŁGORZATA KOZAK (RENFORCE, UTRECHT UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS)

Rapid changes are underway in the EU competition law enforcement landscape, following the adoption of Antitrust Damages Directive 2014/104/EU (the Directive). Despite the transposition of the Directive, the national systems for compensation still differ significantly. There are profound differences between Member States, of which Germany has the highest number of noted cases. Apparently, a lack of exhaustive harmonisation allows claimants to engage in forum shopping. This may be at odds with claimants', especially citizens' access to justice, insofar as it will practically only be multinational corporations (as opposed to consumers and SMEs) that have the means and tools to 'shop forums'. Claimants (mainly companies), who according to the Regulation 1215/2012 (Brussels I) and the Lugano Convention have the right to choose between various jurisdictions in which courts are equally competent, have demonstrated a strong preference to submit claims in the Netherlands, Germany (and the UK).

This webinar brings together academics and practitioners from the different jurisdictions, such as Estonia, Lithuania, the Netherlands, Poland and the UK to discuss the challenges faced in private antitrust enforcement.

Program:

- 13:00- 13:10: Welcome talk and introductions
- 13:10- 13:30: Keynote 'Private Enforcement in the UK and Recent Developments', **Professor Barry Rodger**, The University of Strathclyde, Scotland
- 13:30-14:30: Panel discussion

The Panelists are:

Sophie Gillian, Chaimaa Ben-Lahcen (*BarentsKrans*), *The Netherlands*

Rita Paukštė, *Associate Partner, (TGS Baltic), Vilnius, Lithuania*

Professor Suzanne Rab, *Barrister, (Serle Court), Practice Chair in Commercial Law, Brunel University London, UK*

Elo Tamm, *Partner, (COBALT), Tallinn, Estonia*

Dr. Dominik Wolski, *Centre for Antitrust and Regulatory Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland*

- 14:30- 14:55: Q&A session

22 June 2022, 13:00 – 15:00 (CET)

Registration possible until 20 June via this [link](#).

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